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LOCALS' HOPES FLYING IN THE WIND?

This image has been acclaimed by artists and photographers on internet site Model Mayhem as one of the most vibrant and positive images of Thanet, but the man who took it, David Watkins, and the model who features in it, Gabrielle Gothe, are not happy about what they claim is the snubbing of local talent.

BY TOM BETTS

TWO Margate artists have blasted the Turner Contemporary gallery for not encouraging local talent.

They have hit out at what they say is the organisation's unwillingness to include Isle artists in its plans and a bias towards London exhibitors.

Model and artist Gabrielle Gothe and her friend, alternative and artistic photographer David Watkins, want their work considered for inclusion in the gallery in Margate high street, which is known as the Turner Contemporary Project Space.

Gabrielle, 21, said: "We approached the Turner in the summer to ask them if we could get involved, but we were rejected."

"They turned their noses up at us and told us to come back in two years' time! I love the fact the Turner is being built – it will bring so much to Margate, but it should be for everyone."

"That old Marks and Spencer building could be used for so much – there could be a mix of local art and work by others. I thought the idea of the building was to consider work from people in the area to showcase the talent here."

"Show art from London by all means, but give us some space as well."

David, 50, added: "There is a vast amount of wall space in there and they could at least dedicate one wall to local artists."

He added: "Art is in the eye of the beholder, but we really would like everyone who is an artist to have their work beheld."

He said he thought the chances of locals getting to exhibit inside the project space were "slim".

A spokesman for the Turner responded: "It was helpful to hear David and Gabrielle's comments. Artists are core to the work of the organisation and we are striving to engage with and support

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COST: Don Bunce at the rear of the Swordfish on his Vickers machine gun

Dash to link and help to raise war memorial funds

■ BY JULIE MARSON

A LASTING memorial for a group of airmen who gave their lives fighting for this country is being planned at Manston.

Campaigners want to erect a tribute for the Channel Dash pilots, and by clicking on websites while doing online Christmas shopping you can support the appeal.

Visit www.channeldash.org and follow the link, or go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and select the Channel Dash Association as your cause.

A date of August 2009 has been earmarked for the unveiling of the tribute to those who took part in Operation Fuller. It is being built at RAF Manston.

Channel Dash Association chairman Peter Nixon said: "We ask that when you are shopping for gifts online in the run-up to Christmas you also please support the memorial at the former RAF Manston to all those who participated in Operation Fuller on February 12, 1942."

On that day, 18 men of 825 Naval Air Squadron took off from RAF Manston in six slow, fabric-covered Fairey Swordfish torpedo biplanes in a heroic yet futile attempt to destroy one of the largest German battle fleets ever assembled.

The fleet was making a 'dash' from France to Germany through the Strait of Dover.

Thirteen of the men were killed in the attack, along with 27 others aboard HMS Worcester.

Beatles producer Sir George Martin is vice-patron of the

Channel Dash Association. He said: "They must have known they would probably be killed in such an incredible attack."

"Some have compared it to the Charge of the Light Brigade, but this was no mistake."

"It was a deliberate sacrifice, a last-ditch attempt to prevent two great German warships from joining up with a large fleet that could destroy all our Atlantic shipping and with it the future of our country."

Even the Germans aboard the battleships were moved by the airmen's courage.

As he watched the smoking planes fall into the sea, one German captain exclaimed: "Poor fellows. They are so very slow. It is nothing but suicide for them to fly against these big ships."

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A campaign spokesman said: "Christmas is a celebration of an unforgettable story. This year you can help to ensure another remarkable story is never forgotten."

'We recognise need to host local artists'



UPSET: David Watkins and Gabrielle Gothe felt insulted by Turner Contemporary staff

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artists, locally, nationally and internationally.

"Currently we support artists by providing free professional development and networking opportunities through the ARC scheme."

"Since 2002 more than 1,000 local artists have taken advantage of this scheme, most recently through an evening where local artists were invited to present and discuss their work with other artists, as well as staff, including our director."

He added: "We recognise the need to provide a platform for local artists, and to raise the profile of the wealth of artistic talent across the county, which is why next year we are launching the Turner Contemporary Open."

"This open submission exhibition is specifically for professional artists living and working in Kent."

"The final exhibition will be selected by an invited panel and we shall be advertising for artists' submissions in the New Year."

"The first Turner Contemporary Open will take place in the Project Space on Margate high street and it is hoped this will become a regular feature of the programme in the new gallery."

But David and Gabrielle said staff were rude to them when they approached the organisation to talk about the chance to exhibit their work.

The spokesman said: "The staff at Droit House and the Project Space usually receive praise for their enthusiasm and helpfulness, so I can only apologise for David and Gabrielle's experience when they visited Droit House earlier this year and assure them we shall discuss the matter with our team."

"I would be very pleased to have the opportunity to meet the artists soon."

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Duo Moving On to download success

BY TOM BETTS

A SINGER from Ramsgate and a producer who learnt his music in Broadstairs are hoping to hit the charts after their song was put on iTunes.

The massive online music store is hosting the track by Mark Bowman which features the vocal talents of Marianne Rhodes.

The composition is called Moving On and needs 1,000 downloads to enter the charts.

Marianne's vocals were recorded in an afternoon, while Mark took two weeks out of his studies to write and produce it, originally basing it on a sample from a tune by dance giants Faithless.

However, Sony BMG refused permission for the riff to be used and a new, original part was recorded instead.

Marianne said: "The song is basically about... Moving On! The typical situation, really - you're with someone or you really like them and in the end you're the one getting hurt or being made a fool out of and it's the realisation you can move on and be strong again."

She added: "I think this happens to everybody at some point in their life, whether you're at school or an adult. Everybody falls for the wrong person at one time or another - heart-break is part of life, unfortunately."

Mark is based in Brighton but studied music at the Broadstairs campus of Christ Church University.

Marianne, 24, has lived in Thanet her whole life, apart from a spell in High Wycombe.

She used to be in the band Taste This and



Picture: RICHARD RHODES



Picture: MARCOS ROBERTS

DOWNLOAD CHART: Marianne Rhodes and Mark Bowman have released the song Moving On for sale on iTunes

currently sings with the Kingsdown Band, an 11-piece function outfit based in Deal.

She was a commercial music student and describes the track as a dance anthem for clubs.

She said: "Moving On is available on iTunes UK and US, and on Rhapsody for 79 pence. We are looking to promote the track locally and in

Brighton and are contacting clubs to arrange live performances of the track at the moment.

"We are also just about to film a music video for the track, which will be great promotion."

• Mark Bowman and Marianne Rhodes are on MySpace at www.myspace.com/markbowman music and www.myspace.com/marianne_rhodesvox

Archbishop visits Harvest church

THE Archbishop of Canterbury travelled to the Isle at the weekend.

Dr Rowan Williams visited the Broadstairs campus of Christ Church University to meet members of Harvest New Anglican church.

The church is one of the first experimental, new-style Church of England churches to be set up without a geographical parish and without a church building of its own.

The Archbishop said: "Harvest New Anglican church is a wonderful example of the new style of Church of England life that is rapidly growing up alongside the established patterns."

"It is a church built on the simple impact of Jesus Christ on people's lives. It has been an inspiration to visit."

Rev Canon Kerry Thorpe, the founder and leader of Harvest, said: "At the time, it was an enormous risk."

"We are a network church, made up of small cell groups which meet in people's homes all around Thanet."

"We get all the groups together at 10am on a Sunday morning in Canterbury Christ Church University's Broadstairs campus."

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Peter Firmin talks about his friend Oliver Postgate. Search 'Postgate'

New homes will help encourage social inclusion

SOME of the Isle's vulnerable people now have somewhere they can call home.

George Culmer Court in Margate opened its doors for the first time last month. The seven-bedroom complex will home and support seven people aged 18 or over.

Residents will hold assured tenancies and the main aim of the intensive support given by the staff will be to promote recovery and social inclusion.

They will be encouraged to engage with the community by getting involved with meetings, projects and groups.

It is the first of its kind in Kent.

The building contains seven furnished flats, with staff on hand seven days a week.

The project is a partnership between homeless charity Porchlight, the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust and Housing 21, a national provider of supported housing.

Funding comes from a private funding initiative which is part of the Better Homes Active Lives Housing PFI Project offering 340 homes to vulnerable adults in Kent.

The building was delivered in partnership between Kent County Council, Thanet council and Housing 21.

End of an era as legend of children's TV passes away

OLIVER Postgate - the man behind some of British TV's best-loved children's programmes - has died.

Mr Postgate, 83, passed away at his home in Broadstairs. He had been ill for some time.

Along with illustrator Peter Firmin, from Blean, Mr Postgate was responsible for creating and writing the likes of Bagpuss, The Clangers, Ivor the Engine and Noggin the Nog.

The two created the films as part of their company Smallfilms, filming much of their most popular shows at a farmhouse in Blean.

In a BBC poll recently, Bagpuss was voted the all-time best children's TV show.

Born in Hendon, Middlesex, in 1925, he was the cousin of Murder She Wrote actress Angela Lansbury and grandson of Labour politician George Lansbury.

He married Prudence Myers in 1957 and became stepfather to her three children. The couple then added to their family with twins

in 1959 and another son in 1964.

Prudence Postgate died in 1982.

Mr Postgate remained politically strong-willed, using his personal website to put across his views.

The University of Kent at Canterbury awarded Mr Postgate an honorary degree in 1987.

A Canterbury Chronicle, a triptych by Postgate commissioned in 1990, hangs in the Great Hall of Eliot College on the university's campus.

Mr Firmin told Yourkenttv: "Oliver had come to the art college looking for a struggling student who was looking to make a bit of money but found a struggling art teacher instead."

"Basically I wanted to be an illustrator in the old-fashioned sense and I was a bit scathing about television when Oliver said he was doing this programme and could I do the drawings for it."

"He always said I was a bit snooty about it, but it was good money and I was very grateful to him."

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During this time, if you have an emergency, listen to the message and follow the instructions.

The Ramsgate office will close at 12.30pm on Wednesday, December 24, and reopen at 8.45am on Friday, January 2.

Thanet's Gateway Plus in the library in Cecil Street will close at 6pm on Tuesday, December 23, and reopen at 9am on Saturday, December 27.

It will close for the New Year holiday at 4pm on Wednesday, December 31, and reopen on Friday, January 2.

Travel website praises
'authentic' Ramsgate

A RESPECTED travel website has listed Ramsgate as one of the most authentic places to visit in the world.

The British Airways High Life site features contributions by stars such as Joan Rivers and John Simpson and is the online hub of its acclaimed in-flight magazine.

Its description of the town reads: "It's an intact Regency town, with a spectacular, sandy beach and a splendid topography, having been built on cliffs. There are fireworks practically every weekend and an authentic mix of the raffish and the bohemian."

See www.bahighlife.com/Destinations/The-50-most-authentic-places-on-earth.html to view the list in full.

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A LETTER FROM THE POPE MARKS BIG DAY

Picture SIMON MOORES



A letter from the Pope and the arrival at church of an old friend marked the centenary celebrations at a church in Birchington.

A service marked 100 years since opening of the Church of Our Lady & St Benedict on Monday.

The Right Reverend Bishop John Hine, the auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, came to Thanet for the mass and the congregation also welcomed back parish priest Canon Bill Clements, who arrived by ambulance.

He has been ill for many months in hospital in London.

A busy and well-attended buffet reception and celebration was held in the church hall after the event, adding to the success of the day.

Cllr Simon Moores was at the celebrations.

He said: "All present today send their best wishes to Canon Bill as well as the prayers of the congregation for his speedy recovery and return to a parish where he has done so much good work over the years."

Granville: We need
backing to survive

BY TOM BETTS

GRANVILLE Theatre bosses have scotched reports that the venue is about to go under.

Entertainments manager Ralph Hoult says that the support of the community of paramount to the success of the Granville but it is not in the dire financial straits portrayed by some.

He says the old Ramsgate theatre is "very much open for business".

He said: "We have no plans to close at all - it's not on our agenda. We feel we must correct that rumour. We are planning shows into next year, even into Easter."

"This is the people's theatre. It's not ours - we are only the custodians and the trustees."

"If we get the support, we are confident it can thrive. People should go out more - there's nothing like the experience of a theatre."

He added: "We've had 11 cinemas and five theatres in Ramsgate and they only went because of lack of support. Let's not let that happen this time."



DEFIANT: Ralph Hoult says there are no plans to close the Granville Theatre, with shows planned into Easter

A statement issued to clarify the situation revealed that the theatre's revenue has dipped after the opening of the Vue cinema at Westwood Cross.

It hit the income stream and has been a big factor in the Granville's economic situation.

The statement said: "We were unsure of the significant effect it would have on our own

cinema business. It is accepted that our cinema business has greatly suffered through the increased competition."

Mr Hoult said the future could mean the booking of fewer shows and the focus could shift to more community projects.

The theatre trustees admit that the economic downturn has also "adversely affected" their trade, with customers choosing to not spend money on non-essential items.

An emergency meeting of shareholders and friends of the theatre was called in mid-November.

The directors now plan to revisit the business plan in the new year after the pantomime and other shows have finished and are in negotiations with Thanet council over the lease.

The Granville wants to find £65,000 to make up the shortfall towards the £200,000 it needed when the trustees took over the theatre.

About £135,000 has been raised so far.

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THANK YOU: Cancer patients and their families celebrated the Viking Day Care Unit's 10th annual birthday party

Patients thank cancer unit for decade of care

THE QEQM Hospital in Margate held a special celebration for cancer patients past and present last week.

More than 100 people turned up for the annual party, which is now in its tenth year. The bash was held at the Viking Day Unit on Friday last week.

Among the partygoers were those who are still fighting cancer and their families, as well as staff from the unit and its supporters. Ramsgate's Terry Chalk, 62, is battling hairy cell leukaemia and was diagnosed in 2001.

After he went to seek treatment for an injury he sustained at work tripping up on some stairs, he visited the QEQM and it was revealed he suffered with the condition.

He has regular treatment at the unit and said: "I have come along tonight to support the cause and show my appreciation for the work they do here. They always make me feel welcome and it's a superb facility."

Keith Skelding, a retired lorry driver from Birchington, and his wife Francis were also at the party to lend support.

Keith has chronic lymphatic leukaemia (CLL), and describes the care he receives as brilliant.

■ BY TOM BETTS

"The facilities and staff here are brilliant in every way," he said.

Francis added: "Keith will never beat his condition, but he can learn to live with it. This place makes sure he is comfortable and that he can do that."

Margate man David Brown and his family were also invited to the party.

David, 70, is fighting cancer of the stomach and was diagnosed.

He said: "My treatment finished, but the cancer has come back and I restart treatment soon."

Wife Rosalind added: "We are here to celebrate this place is here and to thank the staff for all that they do. You get all the support for everything you need."

David's granddaughter Shannon Brown, 11, has been so moved by her grandfather's struggle that she has taken to raising money for cancer charities such as Macmillan nurses herself.

Tracy Anderson, the Viking Day Unit sister, said: "We've had a great turnout tonight and it's been good to see so many familiar faces come along to support the unit."

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Theatre group waiting on world record status

MEMBERS of a Ramsgate theatre school think they may have set a new world record.

Some 70 children, aged from four to 18, from the Stagecoach Theatre Arts group acted out the play *Gladraggs* as part of a mass effort to get into the record books.

More than 100 Stagecoach groups from all over Britain took part to help try to break the record for the highest number of shows performed simultaneously as part of their 20th anniversary celebrations.

The Ramsgate group staged its show at The Marlowe Academy.

Principal Shirley Breakspear said: "I believe it was successful, but we have to have it verified yet. Everyone started at 4.15pm on Saturday, doing the same show. The play was written by a lady from Stagecoach head office called Veronica Bennets."

All proceeds from the event will be donated to Interact, who provide free workshops in performing arts for disadvantaged children and youngsters with disabilities.

Shirley added: "It all went off without a hitch and we were very happy with it."

Missing pensioner is found safe and well

AN ELDERLY man who went missing has been found by police.

Kenneth Hearn, 87, was found near the hallway of a block of flats in Joss Gap Road, Broadstairs, after he went missing from his home in Granville Road, Broadstairs, on Monday last week.

Police received a call from a member of the public just after 1pm the following day to say he had seen a man in the hallway of some flats.

Officers found Mr Hearn with a cut to his head, but he was given the all-clear after being seen by paramedics.

Rural group puts focus on development issues

THE development of the isle comes under the spotlight this week.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England's public meeting Thanet: A New Way Forward on Friday will examine the China Gateway project, expansion of Kent International Airport at Manston, Phase 2 of the East Kent Access Road and Thanet Earth.

It will be held at St George's Hall, Broad Street, Ramsgate, and starts at 7.30pm.

The meeting will be chaired by local filmmaker Norman Thomas and speakers include Dr Caroline Lucas, Green MEP for the South East; John Stewart, chairman of AirportWatch; and Dr Hilary Newport, director of CPRE Kent.

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Elderly discover just what they can enjoy

IS There Anybody Out There? was a project organised by Margate's Trinity Resource Centre.

Its aim was to let elderly people in the area know what is available to them on their doorsteps.

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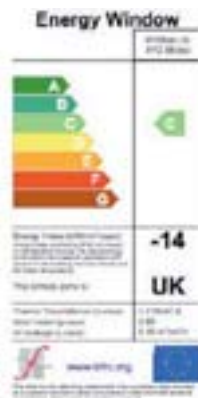


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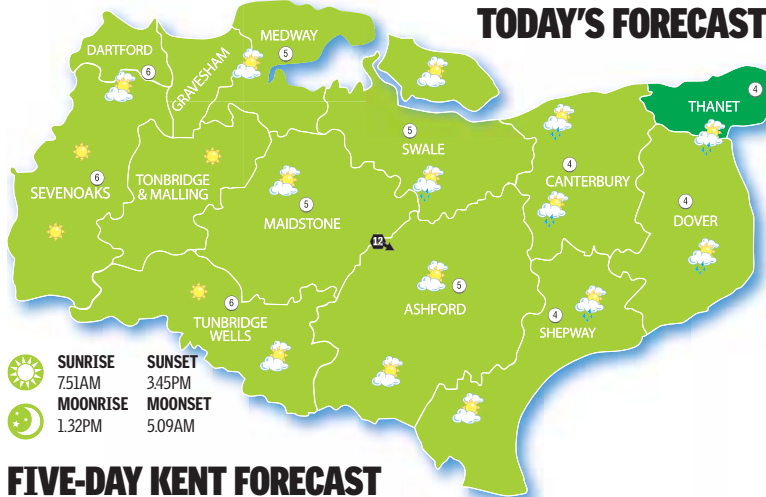
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	Sunday	9:59am	6.7m
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Ramsgate	Saturday	9:37am	4.9m
	Sunday	10:29am	5.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	10:45am	5.5m
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Killer Tobin likely to die in prison

THE family of murdered schoolgirl Vicky Hamilton say they hope to move on with their lives after her killer was finally convicted.

Last week a jury at Dundee's High Court found Peter Tobin, 62, guilty of the abduction, rape and murder of the Scottish 15-year-old.

He was sentenced to a minimum of 30 years in prison and is almost certain to die there as he suffers from ill-health and is already serving 21 years for a previous murder.

On Wednesday, Vicky's sister Sharon Brown laid a bunch of pink roses at the grave of her younger sibling, who went missing from the town of Bathgate, West Lothian, on February 10, 1991.

Her whereabouts remained a mystery for 17 years until her body was discovered buried in the back garden of Tobin's former home in Margate in November last year.

Remember

Speaking outside court after the sentencing, Vicky's younger sister Lyndsay Brown said: "We are glad this nightmare has finally come to an end. There were many times when we thought this day wouldn't come."

"We are hoping we can now move on as a family and start to remember Vicky as the loving sister she was before she was so tragically and cruelly taken from us."

Tobin snatched Vicky on a snowy Sunday afternoon as she was looking for a bus home.

He took her to his house in Margate, where he launched his murderous attack before wrapping her remains in bags.

He then kept her body hidden for about five weeks before moving to a new home in the town, where he buried her in the garden.

Tobin's former neighbour David Martin, who still lives next door to the house where Vicky's remains were discovered, told the BBC: "I was stunned because I couldn't visualise the normal man we knew then, well, what appeared to be normal. I really couldn't equate the two."

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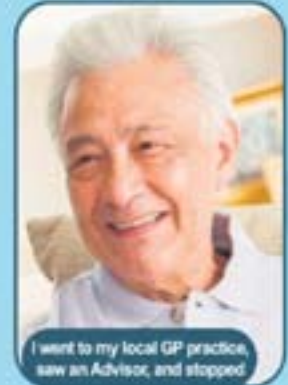
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QUESTION & ANSWER

ROGER LATCHFORD



Q Why did you get involved in public life?

A I've spent my whole working life involved in one way or another in public life, in the military and in business. I have always been interested in politics and Roger Gale MP asked me if I would consider standing in a local election – the rest is history. I do not regret that decision and feel extremely honoured to be able to continue in service to the public.

Q What are the stresses and strains of being TDC deputy leader?

A Most of the "stresses and strains" could almost be seen as self-imposed. I am, as my wife will confirm, a workaholic. Firstly, it is important to me that if you have a responsibility it must be given 100 per cent. Secondly, as well as being deputy leader, I have a large portfolio of regeneration and the economy, which embraces culture, tourism and maritime. The support I enjoy from all in TDC reduces any real stress and strain.

Q What is your favourite aspect of the role?

A Without question seeing major initiatives become a reality to the benefit of all in Thanet. I still have much more I wish to see through to the finish, and that will be my priority over the next two years.

Q What is your least favourite?

A My biggest disappointment is that in my naivety I truly thought all elected members would work together for the good of Thanet irrespective of political colour. Regrettably, this, in my experience, is not the case with some.

Our administration has a clear mandate to fulfil the electorate's expectations, which we aim to do. The role of the opposition to my mind is to ensure

we do the job properly. Regrettably, some opposition play the man and not the ball – this is a waste of taxpayers' money, officers' time, and to my mind a negative attitude.

Q What do you feel you and Sandy Ezekiel have achieved in the time you have been at the top of Thanet politics?

A There have been many achievements: bringing waste and recycling back in-house and issuing wheelie-bins to 38,000 properties; a major thrust on tourism working with the private sector to provide sponsorship, introduction of major events and playing host to European events, benefiting tourism. This is because Sandy and I believe in Thanet. We are united in wanting to see a Thanet where deprivation is no longer in the vocabulary, where there is better housing, thriving business, full employment, and dependency on the state is history.

Our regeneration and renewal plans are under way: Turner is being built; Ramsgate port is being revitalised with new business from wind farms and other shipping opportunities; the airport master plan brings new aspirations for the future; major hotel groups wish to invest here; Manston and Eurokent business parks are open for business, which we are actively supporting; Thanet Earth is built and planted. There are new infrastructure plans: the Haine Road bypass completed and a high-speed rail link bringing London closer. Thanet is approaching a golden dawn of opportunity.

We have shown Thanet is open for business and despite the economic meltdown we will promote Thanet and encourage all employment opportunities for the benefit of residents.

Q People can write pretty unpleasant things about councillors sometimes – how do you deal with the criticism?

A It's known that anonymous bloggers are a source of disappointment for me. They glibly

make statements which are untrue and attack the integrity of just about everyone on just about every subject. How do I deal with this? I just get on with the job. We also get a lot of letters acknowledging the good work done.

Q Tell us about your OBE. When and why did you receive it?

A I had my own company in Düsseldorf, Germany. It was a service company providing all the services a UK company would need to have a base to export their product throughout mainland Europe. I did that for 18 years until I entered local politics six years ago. The OBE was awarded for services to British exports and it was a proud day for my family and me to go to Buckingham Palace.

Q What are your hobbies and interests away from TDC life?

A My wife would say TDC is my hobby, interest and life, which has a ring of truth about it! What spare time I have, I love to read, am a serious traveller and enjoy visiting other places and embracing their cultures. My other recreation is gardening.

Q Who is your hero or inspiration?

A I would like to think I have two: Lt Col (mad) Mitchell, of Aden fame, and Lt Col H Jones VC, who was very much of the same mould as 'Mad Mitch'. The death of 'Col H' in the Falklands was a sad event I will long remember and I was honoured to be present when he and all our other soldiers were laid to rest at the end of the war.

Both leaders were totally dedicated, professional, led from the front and cared for their soldiers. They were non-political and believed in, loved and served their country with a passion.

When I was privileged to be in command, they were my inspiration and still are today.

Cllr Roger Latchford OBE, the deputy leader of Thanet District Council and cabinet member for culture, economy and tourism, talks to **Tom Betts** about his love of the job and giving 100 per cent

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Health trusts facing equality challenge

BY JENNA PUDELEK

NHS trusts in Kent are set to be questioned if their workforce is not diverse and representative of the area they serve.

More than 100 clinicians and senior managers attended a conference this week organised by NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority (SHA) that covers Kent, Surrey and Sussex, on improving equality, diversity and human rights.

It comes after a recent review found black and ethnic minority health-workers in the region were facing widespread disadvantages including a disproportionate number involved in bullying and harassment, grievance and disciplinary procedures.

Sue Webb, the SHA's director of clinical and workforce development, said: "If we can develop a workforce that is diverse and respects human rights it will have a direct and positive impact on our ability to deliver care."

The Race Equality Service Review was carried out by the SHA's Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Network.

It found significant under-representation of BME senior leaders and a disproportionate amount of people from BME backgrounds

working just below middle management. Ms Webb said the report, published in August, was helpful and had encouraged the SHA to accelerate its investigation into equality and diversity issues across the region.

The SHA has developed a scheme, which is being adopted by other authorities across the country, to find out how many BME staff are being employed and which pay-band they are in throughout its 27 organisations.

Ms Webb said: "The network did its best at collecting data around ethnicity, which is a challenge for the whole of the public sector. We have this tool which provides a window into organisations and will allow us to challenge them."

At a meeting with chief executives, she said there would be a focus on leadership and "why

we have not got more BME colleagues at board level". The review found that Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust have all-white British boards.

She said leadership was also an issue that she wanted to discuss with Surinder Sharma, the Department of Health's director of equality and diversity, as well as proposals to set targets for employing BME staff at board level.

Ms Webb said she was working with human resources to investigate the review's findings that a disproportionate amount of BME staff were involved in grievances, bullying and harassment cases. At NHS West Kent, for example, BME employees made up 43 per cent of bullying and harassment procedures, but



DIVERSITY: A greater mix of ethnicities is being called for within health care, particularly at management levels

only accounted for seven per cent of the primary care trust's workforce.

A number of schemes to improve the diversity of NHS organisations under the SHA while at the same time reducing health inequalities was also under way, Ms Webb said.

The PCT, NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust are taking part in an initiative called the Pacesetters Programme to make working environments fair and free of discrimination.

Ms Webb said: "It is about improving health inequalities across the six strands of diversity – disability, sexual orientation, gender, religion and beliefs, age and race."

"It is important we are developing our workforce, but the impact will be on the patient."

Plea for job advertising to target more ethnic diversity

JOB adverts should be targeted at specific groups to attract more people of black and ethnic minority origins to take up new posts, according to a Kent paramedic.

Winston Dwyer, who works as clinical education manager at South East Coast Ambulance (SECAmb) service, is co-chair of Aspire, a group which promotes

equality and diversity throughout the trust and is open to all staff.

He said: "The percentage of BME staff within SECAmb is very low in comparison with the population we serve. Part of Aspire's aim is to address that."

Mr Dwyer added that it was important ambulance staff represented the community they served.

"For example, we serve areas with large Asian communities, but members in the service are minimal," he said.

"We have done what we have always done as far as recruitment is concerned, and changing that strategy is needed."

"Advertising in specific papers like the Voice or an Asian paper

where specific people read it so we target specific areas and get the maximum exposure – these are the types of strategies we [Aspire] have been looking at."

Mr Dwyer said he had not been the victim of racism during his time in the ambulance service and had been able to progress well up the career ladder.

Calling all injury-ridden footballers – extra healing help is on its way

NHS Careers is giving one unfortunate football team the chance to win new kits for its entire squad.

As part of the Step Into The NHS campaign, the group has launched a competition to find the most injury-hit youth or school football team in England during the 2007/08 season.

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NHS Careers will follow the winning team's progress next season on the Step Into The NHS website, including squad details, fixtures, results, highlights of key games and interviews with team members.

Healthy eating and exercise tips

from a range of NHS staff will also be on the website.

Alan Simmons, careers consultant for NHS Careers, said: "Many teenagers think of careers in the NHS as being about doctors, nurses and blue lights."

"But just as a football team needs more than players to be a success,

the NHS needs people for a whole range of careers. In fact, there are more than 350 different careers to be explored."

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Playtime is here with family's fantastic gift

BY JENNA PUDELEK

CHRISTMAS has come early for a Kent children's ward, with £7,000 worth of toys donated by the family of a 10-year-old boy with cancer.

Jason and Vicki Fuller's son, Lewis, was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer, called Ewing's sarcoma, in April.

The couple, from Biddenden, noticed that Lewis and his fellow young patients did not have much in the way of entertainment during stays at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

"My wife and I just felt the kids have to lie in bed for weeks and have no personal entertainment, so we bought them DVD-players, televisions and PlayStations. Friends and family all chipped in. Everyone wants to help because it's for children," Mr Fuller said.

The Fullers raised almost £20,000 through two charity parties and a sponsored walk.

Money has been split between Padua Ward, the children's ward at the William Harvey; University College London Hospital, where Lewis has been having chemotherapy; and the Bone Cancer Research charity. Sue Gibbons, ward manager at Padua, said the youngsters were thrilled with all the toys, especially so close to Christmas.

"It's unbelievable," she said. "The family has



worked so hard to get us all this equipment for the children."

Children going for operations will now be able to drive themselves to the theatre in a motorised toy car. Mr Fuller said he hoped Lewis would be able to spend Christmas Day at home with the family.

"He is so happy all the time," he said, paying tribute to his brave son. "He is a magician and has joined the Magic Circle."

"When he had his collar bone removed he spent two days in intensive care and was doing magic for all the other kids. I think that speaks for itself."

Only about three children a year are diag-

nosed with the same form of bone cancer as Lewis has.

Mr Fuller said: "All the staff have been brilliant. The care has been second to none and their nurses are so kind and gentle with the kids. They just need individual entertainment such as televisions and DVDs to keep them occupied."

The Fullers said they would be doing more fund-raising in the New Year and hoped to donate more toys and gifts to children who were forced to stay in hospital to make them feel more at home.

To join the Fullers' fund-raising drive, phone Jason Fuller on 07977 442924.

AT THE WHEEL:

Lewis Fuller accompanied by family members - including mum and dad (back, far left) - and ward manager Sue Gibbons (red strap with ID badge)

'Councils Bank' could bypass global turmoil

COUNCILS could team up to form a national town hall bank to protect taxpayers' money from crashes in financial markets.

Peter Gilroy, the chief executive of Kent County Council, is backing the idea in the wake of losing £50 million invested in Icelandic banks during the credit crunch.

He said the idea of local authorities running a bank made sense as it would protect council reserves. The move would see some of the cash available to councils across the UK invested in their own newly-created financial institution. Research into the plan is still at an early stage, but financial analysts say it is a practical proposition.

Mr Gilroy said: "Finding a way forward means looking at the big picture and seeing how local councils can work together."

"What is clear is that the public interest principles of running a bank would be great for business and would sit well alongside other work KCC and other councils are doing to support local economies. With that in mind, we will be working with the New Local Government Network and other councils on the idea of a Councils Bank."

"This could be a win-win situation. With local authorities as shareholders you can use dividends for investing in services or returning money to the taxpayer."

Chris Leslie, director of the New Local Government Network, said: "If only a quarter of the £15-£20bn of local government reserves was invested in a Councils Bank, then millions in available capital could be released, regardless of how sticky private lending between banks might be."

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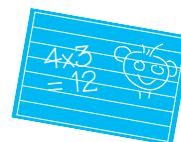
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The recently-launched CHS Review takes its name from a newspaper found in the school's archives from more than a hundred years ago.

Reports, news and sport, reviews, features and photographs are in the latest 20-page edition, collated and produced by co-editors Matthew McKew and Jonny Symaka (above). Jordan Skinner, Liz Fisher, Beth Everest, Jack Barclay, Ali Fell and Lucy Porter back them up.

Matthew said: "We think it is important to have a proper newspaper for students to design, write and read, and we are already working on the next two editions. Reviving the name of the old newspaper is a mark of respect for the Chatham House tradition."

Jonny added: "The CHS Review is proving popular and will be here for some time to come. It is hard work, but it is a worthwhile venture for the school."

Head-teacher John Mathews said: "It is a good read with interesting articles and has revived an old school tradition, which is always pleasing."

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Final whistle blows for Red Devil head

■ BY TOM BETTS

AVID Manchester United fan Keith Rumblo dropped many references to his beloved Red Devils and his admiration for the world's most successful soccer manager Sir Alex Ferguson in his speech-day reports.

Mr Rumblo has guided the school from the top for the last 13 years, but the principal of St George's School in Broadstairs announced his retirement to the audience.

He said: "Although I will miss St George's tremendously, I will be making every effort to reduce my golf handicap in the years to come. I can assure you I will not be doing an Alex Ferguson by changing my mind."

He added that supporters of Chelsea, Arsenal and Liverpool could feel reassured there would be no more Man United references for them to endure at speech nights.

He described the decision to retire from the beginning of April 2009 as "a momentous one for me" and he thanked the senior leadership team and staff, governors, parents and students – past and present – for playing their part in making St George's a close-knit learning community with a "family" feel.

He praised the "superb efforts" of students at academic and vocational levels in the last year and was particularly pleased by the impressive increase in 'value-added' performance – an indication of how well student progress during their time at school.

Sixth-form exam results this summer were "beyond our wildest dreams", said Mr Rumblo,



RESPONSIBLE: Manchester United supporter and retiring head-teacher Keith Rumblo with the students who assisted at prize evening. From left, sixth-formers Dennison Palmer and Nicola Graham; head girl Esther Richardson; head boy Jay Moore; deputy head girl Julie Williams and deputy head boy Benji Heaton

with more than 95 per cent gaining the equivalent of three A-level passes. At GCSE, 67 per cent of candidates gained five or more A* to C passes, which made St George's the best-performing high school in Thanet.

Mr Rumblo highlighted the school's dedication to charity, its excellent extra-curricular activities and educational trips, plus strong performances in music, arts and drama.

He said the planned rebuild of 90 per cent of St George's as part of the Government's Building Schools For The Future programme

was on track. All works, including the demolition of the old buildings and new landscaping, would be completed by September 2010.

Mr Rumblo said: "Let us keep our fingers crossed that this is the case and we eventually have the quality of buildings we thoroughly deserve."

Guest for the evening was Father John Richardson, the newly-appointed priest in charge at St Peter's Church. Mr Rumblo said his appointment would "strengthen the strong bond we already have with the parish".



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Gerry O'Donnell demands a more positive approach to Ramsgate's own council



So who's going to stand up for the future of our town?

THE Gaderene rush we have witnessed in the Press recently belittling the establishment of a Ramsgate Town Council makes me wonder where these people were during the petition and referendum campaigns.

Why did they not put the opposite view when they had the opportunity? I suspect they were busy gnawing at another bone.

Many district councillors who stridently opposed and still oppose the Ramsgate Town Council in terms of cost are the same people who allowed £8 million of your money to be lost on the aborted Turner Centre Mark I.

That money, if invested wisely, would have funded a council for years, probably for ever.

So let's discount these voices of cynicism. Let's look instead at what a Ramsgate Town Council can do for the people of Ramsgate at an additional annual cost to them equivalent to an evening's meal for two at a restaurant.

Ramsgate Town Council will have statutory powers from its inception.

One of those powers will be the right to be notified and consulted about any planning application affecting the town.

It will not have the right of veto, but even the normally stone-deaf Thanet council will find it difficult to ignore the views of another elected body.

Hopefully we shall see a more sympathetic development of our town and fewer eyesores.

Ramsgate Town Council will have the power to provide the additional public lavatories we desperately need, especially for disabled people and mothers with children.

It will be able to acquire land for recreation purposes and to provide sports and leisure facilities including swimming baths, all urgently needed by our young.

Tourists are endlessly telling me how beautiful they think Ramsgate is with its Georgian and Regency houses and Royal Harbour.

Often they have discovered us by accident.

The town council will also have the power to encourage tourism through advertising and by providing the kind of facilities tourists expect – like clean lavatories and pavements and a visitor centre they can find.

The town council will be able to seek funds,

grants and awards from a host of Government and European bodies without having to go through the district council. This means funds for all manner of developments and facilities that will come directly to the town and improve the lives of our people.

If Ramsgate Town Council attains Quality Award status, as Folkestone Town Council did less than three years after its creation in 2003, then even greater powers can be delegated to the council from Kent County and Thanet District Councils.

Lastly, Ramsgate will have an administration that will bat for our town and no one else.

We shall have town councillors who will beg, cajole and even fight for the benefit of our town. And there lies the trick. Will we elect the right councillors?

I've yet to hear from anyone who belongs to one of the national parties that dominate politics in Ramsgate, and who might stand in the town elections, give an honest and unreserved commitment to help make our town council a success. Their silence is deafening.

I ask them now. Will you work to make Ramsgate Town Council a success and by doing so help give our town a better future?

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A new restaurant in Margate is in the works for after Christmas, in association with Ramsgate's premier lounge bar Rokka.

But they aren't letting these plans distract them; the values of quality service and out-

standing food remain as high as they have been for the last nine and a half years.

Andy and Linda would like to thank all their customers for their kind words and continued support following the fire and they would also like to thank Ali Mukdar Melin from "The Right Location" for locating their new premises.

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Our council ought to have known better

Thank you to all those who signed the petition against the sale of Northdown House for development and to Cllrs Johnston and Hart who organised the circulation of the petition, and also to Yourthanet, which covered the story.

"The mischief from those who really ought to know better" seems finally to have been taken account of. We would urge the council to check the legal position in future before attempting to sell off such items again.

When taking on this house, the council (then the Corporation of Margate) undertook to maintain the property "forever".

Any backlog of repairs is therefore down to its failure to honour its obligations since the last Save Northdown House campaign of the 1970s, when demolition was proposed.

The other buildings in the park also benefit from the same covenants and should be made equally available to community groups.

We believe that Thanet Leisure Force remains the best body to manage the community uses of the house as a venue for weddings, functions, meetings etc as it has done previously.

We urge any charitable body, or anybody with a community need for the upper floors of the house, to come forward and suggest a suitable use for Northdown House tomorrow (December 10).

William and Louise Friend
East Northdown Farm, Margate

Covenants mean it's your responsibility

Thanet Bridge Club is the first of the clubs to leave Northdown House after its eviction.

YOUR LETTERS

This club has rented rooms at Northdown House three times a week for the last 15 years.

The club has more than 100 members and is reluctant to leave.

The committee has visited 11 venues to find alternative accommodation and has been forced to settle for somewhere less central.

How can Thanet council postulate that this Grade II-listed building, part of our heritage, be surplus to requirements? It is totally illogical.

As stated in the local press by the head of Thanet Leisure Force, there were 64 events booked in November and December – and this is without marketing.

Had the council invested one per cent of the money squandered on advertising the Turner fiasco, it would have been a profitable exercise.

As many readers will know, Northdown House was bequeathed by the Friend family in perpetuity for the benefit of local residents and their descendants.

The 'sale' was in two parts – one for a sum of some £50,000 (to cover legal costs) and the other £1,500 to buy the option on Northdown House itself from Palm Bay Estates.

The estate changed hands for what would have been a 'peppercorn' sale, even then.

The whole property is protected by covenants, which includes Northdown House, the depot, the groundsmen's cottages, the coachhouse and the parkland to be maintained in perpetuity.

The intention of the benefactors is quite clear, and it is invidious of the council to use the beneficiaries' own money in an attempt to escape the obligations created by the covenants to safeguard this historic building and grounds as a public amenity.

Thanet council appears to be systematically stripping ratepayers of their rightful heritage.

Reluctantly it may go through the motions of a cursory public hearing, but it pays no regard whatsoever to the wishes of its electorate.

Joyce B

Name and address supplied to the editor

Who says Northdown House is not needed?

Unfortunately, I shall be out of the country for tomorrow's meeting on Northdown House, but I wish my views to be recorded.

In a short bulletin the cliché "agreed surplus to the council's requirements/needs" is used twice.

Agreed by whom?

The council has a plethora of highly-paid officers who have to be supplemented by even more expensive consultants.

Is it these officers who have recommended, and the council who has accepted vicariously on behalf of local residents?

Certainly the council holds no mandate from the Thanet residents to categorise Northdown House as surplus to their requirements.

Permission for Thanet Leisure Force to let Northdown House for an additional three months is derisory. No potential customer would entertain such uncertainty.

The 'open day' is a small step forward. However, extremely short notice means difficulty in spreading the word – exacerbated by a time of year when pre-Christmas arrangements and preparations are paramount to individuals.

No doubt the council would be highly disappointed if the turnout (in common with local elections) was low.

Two options are postulated. That for 'public use' includes social housing; Northdown House is completely unsuitable for such a provision. The second option envisages passing the yoke of moral and legal responsibilities presently on the council to a private organisation or individual.

This is interesting, but the council would need to spell out what assistance, financial and otherwise, might be expected.

Name and address supplied

Councillor should take a good look

CONTRARY to what councillor Shirley Tomlinson says, the streets in Thanet, not just in town centres, are still subject to rubbish lying in the streets, not caused by seagulls ripping open bags, but by people dropping cigarettes, crisp packets, fast-food containers, drinks cans etc.

She also seems to forget that in the autumn leaves drop from trees and lie mulching away for months, making pavements slippery and dangerous.

In addition, they block drains and, as these are rarely cleaned, can add to flooding risks during heavy rain.

Perhaps she could visit St Peter's and walk through, where she will see piles of rotting leaves, broken glass in the car park behind the Co-op and litter by the railway bridge bus stop.

Then I suggest a walk along Westwood Road, where rubbish blows into the fields from the street.

Perhaps then we could get more rounds by the street-cleaners, who do a valiant job but can only do what they are told to by their bosses at the council.

Wheelie-bins may have helped, but I'm afraid the problem hasn't gone away.

Jenny Matterface
Broadstairs

Sorry, but the sums really don't add up

RAIL fare increases of over 10 per cent in some cases, and over seven per cent for everyone, are even worse than those we were threatened with

two years ago. Over the last ten years, bus and rail fares have risen by about 37 per cent in real terms.

This compares with the cost of car use remaining roughly the same in real terms.

If the Government is serious about reducing traffic congestion and air pollution and dealing with climate change, it has to ensure adequate investment in railways.

This includes keeping fares down to encourage use of the railways rather than cars.

I suggest that if every rail commuter writes a letter a month to their MP, we can make excessive rail fares into a major issue forcing the Government to respond with increased investments.

We all know the Government is making unwise investments in banks, in ID cards no one wants, in quangos and in overseas defence commitments.

There is plenty of money available for investment, including in the full electrification of our railways so that we reduce fossil fuel energy use in this sector.

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Dr Hazel Dawe
Kent Green Party

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As winter gets closer and people turn up the central heating we want to ensure your readers are aware of the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless gas which kills 30 people a year in the UK; it can also cause permanent injury.

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Older people are particularly at risk from the effects of carbon monoxide, yet research shows that fewer than half have an alarm fitted in their home and more than a third do not get appliances serviced regularly.

We are calling on those readers who are planning to visit older relatives or neighbours to check that they are taking the right precautions to stay warm and well this winter.

For older people on lower incomes, some free help may be available.

For information, contact your energy supplier or visit the Carbon Monoxide – Be Alarmed! campaign website at www.co-bealarmed.co.uk/how-to-stay-safe/advice-for-elderly-people

Nigel Dumbrell
Carbon Monoxide Consumer
Awareness Alliance

Gallery can't paint over this grim picture

You can build as many Turner centres as you like, but all the while Margate looks and is a rundown, neglected miserable-looking town people will never be lured here.

In its present state I really can't see anyone wishing to visit here.

The roads and streets in surrounding areas are not maintained properly, mainly in and around Westgate-on-Sea, and I am sure there are other areas suffering a similar neglect.

There are old buildings in Ramsgate, such the Segas building in Boundary Road, that have been empty for many years.

Also the old brewery in Margate Road just left derelict.

All these old buildings need demolishing. What this part of Thanet requires is a good shopping mall. A proper department store, somewhere people are glad to go and spend their money.

In my opinion, unless the town of Margate has a really good facelift, the Turner Contemporary will be a complete waste of our money.

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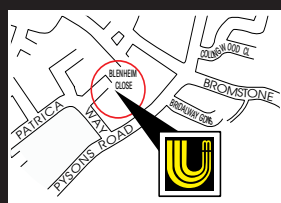


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Karaoke & Nintendo Wii Games Night
Friday and Saturday: £1.20 drinks 8.30pm - 10.30pm.
Xmas Eve – Mrs Sexy Santa – All drinks £1.20 9 – 11pm)
Boxing Day – All drinks £1.20 (9 – 11pm)
New Years Eve – Fancy Dress Party – All drinks £1.20 (9 – 10pm)
We are closed Christmas Day & New Years Day

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49 - 51 Marine Terrace T: 01843 232025
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Saturday – 10pm – 3am. £5 admission B 4 Midnight
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Under 18'S
Mon 22nd Dec 7.30 – 11pm – Christmas Party
Mon 29th Dec 7.30 – 11pm – Pre New Years Eve Party
Over 18'S
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Boxing Day –UV Party with Juicy Tunes in the Kiss Bar.
All drinks £2 B 4 Midnight.
New Years Eve – Fancy Dress Party, Anything goes! – Cash prize - All drinks £2 B 4 11pm. Happy New Year Hour 1pm – 2pm All drinks £2!
Admission £1 B 4 10pm. £5 10pm – 1am & £6 Thereafter.

HOTELS

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BREATHTAKING: Hever Castle is stunning in itself, but throw in some frost, a husky or two and entertainment and it becomes a place of wonder

Royal fun for all the family

Enjoy Christmas in the queen's residence

EXPERIENCE the magic of Christmas in Anne Boleyn's childhood home, the beautiful Hever Castle.

There will be a variety of activities taking place at the castle during December, helping visitors get into the festive spirit in a stunning setting. For both children and adults, there will be a touch of magic about the castle this year.

Children can meet Father Christmas as he takes up residence, for the first time ever, in an enchanting snow-covered log cabin. Young visitors will make their way through the magical gardens to his festive home, where they can tell him what gifts they would like for Christmas.

For anyone who would like to send letters to Santa Claus, there will be a chance to send their last-minute wish-list from the village post office.

Animal lovers can meet a beautiful creature from cold climes when a husky dog arrives to greet visitors in the gardens.

The young at heart will also enjoy the seasonal atmosphere, particularly as they will be able to see the castle by moonlight.

The gardens will be illuminated with magical lighting and the castle adorned with decorated Christmas trees to create a breathtaking spectacle. With music and carols to be



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heard echoing through the castle at weekends, it will come alive with the spirit of Christmas.

Visitors will be able to find plenty of inspiration in the gift shop, which will be bursting with great present ideas and beautiful decorations to adorn their own homes.

On Thursday, December 18, the castle will be hosting a special Christmas evening and will stay open until 8pm. There will be lots of festive entertainment on offer, from

music and carols to the antics of fire-eating Taro the Jester.

The castle's restaurants will be serving up a hearty helping of Christmas delights, including favourite seasonal treats such as hot chestnuts, gingerbread men, hot chocolate and mulled wine.

On Thursday there will be the opportunity to enjoy a traditional three-course Christmas dinner between 6.30pm and 10pm. Meals cost £39.95 and must be pre-booked.

Hever Castle is open from noon to 6pm, Thursday to Sunday, until Sunday, December 21. Admission costs from £6.

Steeped in history and set in beautiful countryside, Hever Castle is best known as the childhood home of the ill-fated Anne Boleyn.

She first met the charismatic Henry VIII at the castle and went on to become his second wife after Catherine of Aragon failed to provide him with a male heir.

The king had also tired of his former mistress, Anne's sister Mary.

But although their daughter would become Queen Elizabeth I, Anne could not provide the longed-for son and she also fell victim to her husband's rage. In 1536 she was charged with high treason and executed.

For more information about the castle, phone 01732 865224, or visit www.hevercastle.co.uk.

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MARK JENNETT
Friday, December 12
Harbour Cafe Bar, Margate

JAZZ fans are in for a real treat when Mark Jennett, pictured, and Kate Williams visit Thanet this week.

Jennett is an acclaimed vocalist, whose voice has been described by critics as 'soulful and exuberant'. He has been a regular on the London jazz scene for the last few years and made

appearances at prestigious venues such as the famous Vortex Jazz Club, to which these new local concerts are linked.

He has appeared as a guest vocalist with many big bands including the London Swingfonia, John Ongom Big Band and Mid Herts Jazz Orchestra. His debut album, produced by Anita Wardell, also features Robin Aspland, Barry Green, Jeremy Brown, Steve Brown and Tristan Mailliot.

Pianist and composer Kate Williams leads an exciting quartet which also includes some remarkably talented musicians. Along with Gareth Lockrane on flutes, Jeremy Brown on double bass and Tristan Mailliot on drums, she will be demonstrating why she is such an acclaimed performer.

Tickets cost £25 including a three-course dinner. For more information call the Harbour Cafe on 01843 290110.

DICK WHITTINGTON
Saturday, December 13, to
Sunday, January 4,
Granville Theatre, Ramsgate

SET out for the streets which are paved with gold in the company of Dick Whittington in the Granville's family pantomime.

Following the success of last year's Mother Goose, Michael Wheatley-Ward returns to produce this year's Christmas show.

Talented local performers have auditioned to take part in the production and dancers have been provided by the in-house dance school, Granville Theatre Arts

Company and Twinkles.

When young Dick Whittington sets out to seek his fortune in London, he arrives penniless and without a friend in the world.

All this changes when he meets a cat and is given work by the Alderman, whose daughter Dick falls in love with.

Dick is trusted to carry out an important task but when King Rat arrives to throw a spanner in the works, Dick must fight to clear his name.

Performance times are available online at www.granvilletheatre.com.

Tickets are priced from £9.50. To book call the box office on 01843 591750.



ROYAL MARINES BAND
Saturday, December 13
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

GREET the festive season in style with a performance by the Royal Marines Band.

Currently touring with their 19th Christmas concert, the Royal Marines Band, Portsmouth (Royal Band) provide the perfect way to get into the spirit of the season with an outstanding display of musical talent.

Under the direction of Major Nick Grace, principal director of music designate, the band will give a performance with all the trimmings and a slight Christmas flavour. The Corps of Drums will give a spectacular display to get pulses racing during this unforgettable concert too.

Origins of the Royal Marine Bands in the Portsmouth area can be traced back to the mid-1700s, but the current band is a direct descendant of the Band of

the Royal Marine Artillery, formed in 1861. Over its history the band has travelled the world and engagements include performances at Her Majesty The Queen's coronation in 1953, Sir Winston Churchill's state funeral in 1965 and the World Cup Final in 1966.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £16/£14.50. To book call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

THANET LEISURE

Seasonal celebrations are perfectly Victorian

ENJOY the festive season in the traditional way at the Broadstairs Christmas Victorian Weekend.

The free event will be held in the Pierremont Hall and grounds this weekend. There will be Victorian characters, Santa's grotto, treasure hunt, miniature train rides, stalls and more.

The event runs from 10am to 4pm both days. The Potty Panto will be taking place at the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday night. For more information call 01843 867501.

Choir's charity concerts help raise valuable funds

CANTATE Chamber Choir is giving two concerts of Christmas music.

The first will be held at The Vale Church in The Vale, Broadstairs, at 8pm on Thursday. Admission is by programme, costing £6, and proceeds will go to The Pilgrim's Hospice and Demelza House children's hospice.

At 7.30pm on Sunday the choir will be at St Mary's Church in Minster, in aid of the church. Admission is also by programme, priced at £5.

See www.cantate-thanet.co.uk.

Charity event is hidden behind mask of mystery

THE Mayor of Ramsgate, Cllr Kay Dark, will be holding a sophisticated masked ball in Thanet on Saturday to raise money for charity.

The black tie event with live music will take place at the Phoenix Club at MOD Manston, starting at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £35 including a carvery. To book call 01843 591142. More information is at www.ramsgatemayor.com.

Make a song and dance about entertainment

TALENTED local performers are invited to take part in the next Thanet Music and Drama Festivals.

Syllabuses for the festival, which will take place for three weeks from February 28 next year, are now available. Anyone who enjoys dance, drama, singing or music can take part and there are opportunities for everybody from individuals to 30-piece orchestras.

Pick up a prospectus from the library, the Granville Theatre, Ramsgate, or at www.thanetfestival.org.uk.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

LOUIS THEROUX'S WEIRD WEEKENDS Dave, 11pm, Sunday

■ BY TOM BETTS

IF you have only just discovered Louis Theroux, on the strength perhaps of his most recent programmes, his back catalogue showing on Dave is well worth checking out.

These show off his wide-eyed wonderment and inoffensive interview style, which prove a winning blend.

Whether he's spending time with the stranger stars in the celebrity firmament, or seeking out the extraordinary, it's never a waste of time.

His recent Law and Disorder double bill delivered a snapshot of life in bleak, drug-ravaged neighbourhoods, where getting beaten up, hassled by police, arrested or shot is a real, everyday possibility.

It was powerful stuff.

Programme one took us to Philadelphia, or 'Killah-delphia' as one corner boy put it in no uncertain terms.

For all his initial composure, the bespectacled Theroux seemed genuinely shocked by much of what he saw in the Pennsylvania city, meeting junkies and drug lords alike.

More of the same was delivered a week later as he travelled to Johannesburg to witness the reality of gun-totin' street life for thousands of South Africans.

It made for excellent television – in equal parts shocking and intriguing.

Louis has been the BBC's 'boy' for many years and wisely he has been left alone to do his own thing.

While the recent BBC Two efforts have tended to stick to the more serious issues, namely gambling, prison and crime, it was with his Weird Weekends series that he made his name.



A REAL-LIFE DRAMA: Louis Theroux's superb show is now being re-run on Dave... don't miss it

Dave (called Dave as "everyone has a mate called Dave"; no, I don't get the thinking, either) has shrewdly snapped up the rights to this series, and if you didn't see these the first time round, not tuning in this time would be foolish.

It's compulsive viewing for those with a taste for the bizarre.

From wrestling to spiritualism, to self-improvement and the LA swingers circuit, no stone is left unturned.

Working by that old technique, 'give 'em enough rope and they'll hang themselves', all manner of oddballs gladly step forward and more often than not do just that.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

MAKING friends with a newcomer could be difficult. They will probably want to keep themselves to themselves for the time being. The best way to break through is to ask for help with a project. Working together will prove stimulating. Your skills, will produce great results.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

MONEY may be a little bit thin on the ground right now. The more frugal you are the easier it will be to make ends meet. Friends may try to coax you into hitting the party trail, but you will probably fancy a quiet Christmas especially if you need to watch your spending.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU won't have much time to rest and relax. Making money will be your first priority. It may be difficult to find lucrative opportunities. If you're looking for a job, you may need to take one that is beneath your ability. You never know which options will lead to something better.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

DON'T compare your lot with that of wealthier people. You are in very different situations. If you want to change your fortunes, focus on looking for more lucrative work. This may involve developing your creative talent, getting new qualifications or launching your own business.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOU may have to move because your current home is undermining a close relationship. Find somewhere that is acceptable to you both. A promotion or impressive job may be elusive. It seems as though there are more capable candidates. Don't be discouraged.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THE demands of work and family stop you doing as you please. This is really frustrating because you never interfere and try to stop people doing what they want. You think putting on airs to impress people is distasteful. Unfortunately, not everybody shares your view.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THERE will be precious little opportunity to spend time at home. You are needed at work where you must try not to be too hard on a newcomer who doesn't know the ropes. If you take it upon yourself to show them the ins and outs of the operation, be patient and tolerant.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

SOME people seem determined to find fault with everything you do. Don't bother trying to get back into their good books. Their problem has nothing to do with you. An unreliable relative or roommate could try your patience and it will take all your willpower not to throttle them.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

ANY chances you might have to venture out and explore could be thwarted by mundane routine responsibilities. You need to finish a boring chore that has been sitting on your desk for weeks. Although you loathe this sort of work, it needs to be done and done properly.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

ALTHOUGH you long for peace and quiet you may not get much of it this week. Neighbours and relatives have an annoying way of calling at the most awkward times. If you want to avoid trouble, return phone calls and emails as soon as possible or you'll keep getting nagged.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

GETTING a direct answer out of an official will be a challenge because they'll want to dodge the issue. If you do exactly what they say and fail, you'll look incompetent instead of them. Avoid trouble by asking for all directives to be put in writing, then you can refer back to this.

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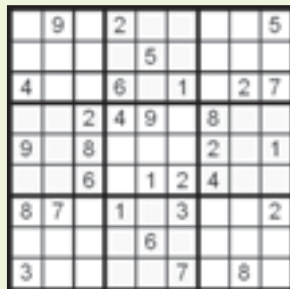
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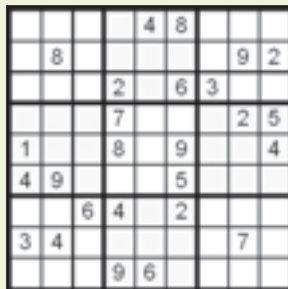
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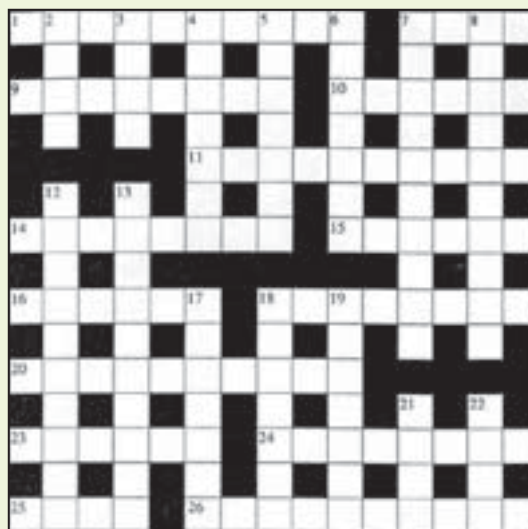


CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Erroneous warning not true in the French fashion, marine concluded (5,5)
 - 7 We record leak (4)
 - 9 Crazy outfit by a newcomer with song (8)
 - 10 Jack with a delightful lady (6)
 - 11 Avoiding attention, depressed with outline (3-7)
 - 14 Shook case for arrows before end heartlessly (8)
 - 15 Do all minerals come from these North Atlantic islands? (6)
 - 16 Company open to all (6)
 - 18 Corporal ignited gas before dance (8)
 - 20 Piano hails from Caribbean island (10)
 - 23 3-D record-player (6)
 - 24 Short time with hesitation and impetus (8)
 - 25 Square incision behind cony (4)
 - 26 Handmaiden or handyman? (10)
- #### DOWN
- 2 Girl married first mate (4)
 - 3 Not all of one's crystal-ball used to practise crystal-gazing (4)
 - 4 Sharp-cornered rug Alan upholstered (7)
 - 5 Admitted everybody in debt (7)
 - 6 Officer with tailless cat on island (7)
 - 7 Anemone, current bloomer (10)
 - 8 Outstanding feature's superiority (10)
 - 12 Mixed fruit is cut ahead of time (10)
 - 13 Demon drink? (4,6)
 - 17 Agree large number are performing well (7)
 - 18 For another American agent is to become diver (7)
 - 19 Came in struggling after one was washed-out (7)
 - 21 Knot on tree inside trunk narrowed (4)
 - 22 Transport, say, with kiss (4)

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ACROSS

- 1 Challenger (10)
- 7 Parts of the body (4)
- 9 Fertile female insect (5,3)
- 10 Hanging down (6)
- 11 Administration of justice (10)
- 14 Final programme (8)
- 15 Unwind (6)
- 16 Joined (6)
- 18 West Indian republic (8)
- 20 Irresolute (4-6)
- 23 Priest (anag.) (6)
- 24 Postpone (4,4)
- 25 Pull roughly (4)
- 26 On time (10)

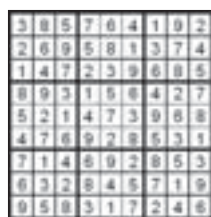
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- 2 Female gamete (4)
- 3 Exclamation of relief (4)
- 4 Beer-mug (4-3)
- 5 Foot-lever (7)
- 6 Basic (7)
- 7 Unable to move because of ice (10)
- 8 Undergo (10)
- 12 Not replete (anag.) (4,6)
- 13 Sudden overwhelming attack (10)
- 17 Arrive in a vehicle (5,2)
- 18 Sea-mammal (7)
- 19 Land uncovered at low tide (7)
- 21 Tailpiece (4)
- 22 Prison compartment (4)

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Thundering to the top

BY ELLIE GENOWER

PEOPLE always expect Ben Stiller to be funny.

It's not surprising, given he's made a career out of a string of hilarious characters; from the over-the-top vanity of male model Derek in *Zoolander* to his recent turn as an actor desperate to be taken seriously in *Tropic Thunder*.

As one of the most successful and esteemed comic actors in Hollywood, he isn't always able to hide his star power – even in the most unusual situations.

"I've had somebody ask for an autograph at a funeral," he admits, wryly. "That might not be appropriate. I gave it to them. I don't want to lose a fan. It was a family person who was closer to the deceased than I was, so I didn't want to rain on their parade even more."

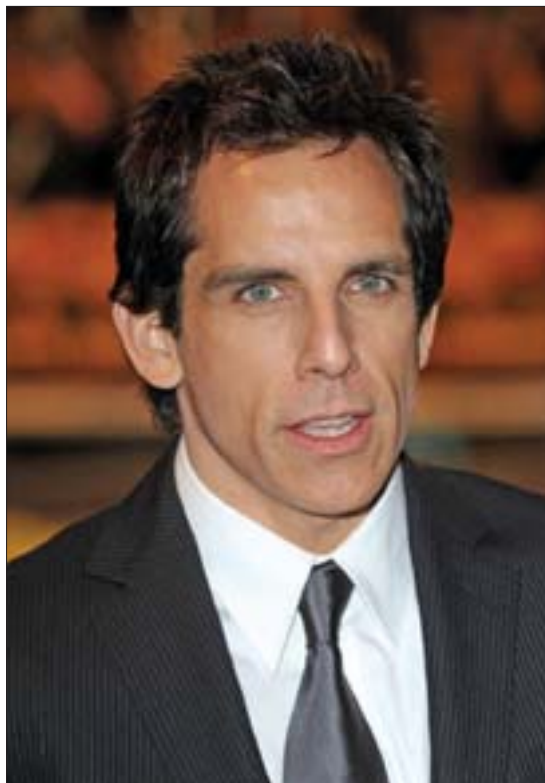
"There is some expectation, I guess, to always be funny, but it's more how you take it in yourself, like whether you care about that or not," he adds.

"You go on a talk show and people want to laugh. They want to see the funny guy be funny. But in life, I don't feel any sort of pressure to have to do that. When you're living your life you want to relax a little bit. Enjoy the funeral – you know what I mean?"

Ben has plenty of reasons to enjoy life as he approaches his 43rd birthday.

Tropic Thunder, which he co-wrote and directed, did brisk business at the US box office, knocking the phenomenally successful Batman film *The Dark Knight* off the top spot.

And his latest movie, *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*, the sequel to the 2005 hit animated film, in which he voices Alex the



LIVING LIFE: Ben Stiller doesn't feel the need to be the funny man all the time

lion, also made number one in the American movie charts.

"It wasn't hard to decide to do the sequel because the first one was so much fun," Ben says.

"So with the second one, once you've done it and you understand what the process is, it actually makes it a bit more fun because you understand that

there's actually going to be a movie at the end of it. The first time we always wondered if they were making a movie because it went on for so long and we didn't see anything."

Animated films of this calibre take years to make, and can be a tricky task for actors.

The stars usually have to voice

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their parts alone in a studio vocal booth, which was the case for Ben's co-stars David Schwimmer (Melman), Jada Pinkett Smith (Gloria) and Will.i.am (Moto Moto).

Ben was lucky enough to be paired up with Chris Rock (Marty) for many of his scenes.

"It's a strange process because you're alone in the room a lot of the time," he admits.

"Sometimes there's another actor there. If it's not Chris, there's somebody else there to read the lines with you. And that's really helpful."

"It's always funny to see the guy they get to read Chris's lines. They're nothing like him. And I find humour in that. It makes me laugh which is good for the energy."

But whether Ben continues to just star in comedies or turn, like Robin Williams or Jim Carrey, to more dramatic roles, people will always expect him to provide the laughs.

"It's important to do whatever interests you and I've always been interested in different kinds of things."



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The judging panel, made up of journalists and architects, agreed that Weston Homes – which produced The Point water-side development in Maidstone town centre by the side of the River Medway (pictured) – was the best developer in its category.

It won the award for a development in Sussex.

Bob Weston, the developer's chairman and chief executive, commented: "I founded Weston Homes more than 22 years ago and to date we have 11 current developments on the market, with two more in the pipeline."

"Winning the Best Medium Housebuilder 2008 award is testimony to our formula proving successful."

"Since Weston Homes was established, it has strived to clutch this coveted accolade and it could not have come at a better time for the company."

Couples split as house prices fall

FALLING house prices are not good for relationships, according to a new study.

For every unexpected ten per cent house price drop, an extra five per cent of couples will split, researchers found.

The Institute of Social and Economic Research claims that while couples stick together when house prices rise – as splitting up would mean falling down the property ladder – falling value of homes could encourage people to split.

"For a majority of married couples the most important asset of the marriage is the family home."

"It follows immediately, therefore, that what happens to the value of this asset should be one of the main concerns of couples considering whether to remain married or divorce," a paper by Helmut Rainer and Ian Smith at the University of St Andrews stated.

The research also uncovered that younger couples are more likely to suffer.



SHORTAGE: The National Housing Federation says that not enough affordable homes are being built to keep pace with demand, which means that waiting lists are growing

Right-to-buy: now the country is paying price

■ BY NICK AMES

A LEADING campaign group wants the Government to impose a temporary ban on tenants buying their rented homes.

The National Housing Federation made the call after new figures showed twice as many affordable homes have been sold off than were built in England during the last eight years.

The industry watchdog found more than 440,000 affordable homes were sold under the Government's 'right-to-buy' programme between 1999 and 2007 – while only 205,123 new homes have been built in the same period.

In recent years in Kent 1,325 were sold off, while only 663 were built. Of the houses sold, 702 were local authority properties, while 623 belonged to a housing association.

The mass sell-off of council homes at heavily discounted rates has also seen the entire stock of affordable homes in England slump by more

than 300,000 during the last eight years and is no longer sustainable, the federation is warning.

The overall number of social homes – both council and housing association properties – fell from 4.3 million homes in 1999 to 3.99 million last year.

But over the same period the number of households on waiting lists rocketed by 61 per cent, from 1.03 million in 1999 to 1.67 million in 2007, as demand for affordable homes has soared, according to analysts.

The number of people on waiting lists for an affordable home throughout England is predicted to hit five million people within two years, while a wave of repossessions and rising unemployment could further add to the crisis as the economy remains in downturn.

Warren Finney, the federation's regional

manager for the South East, said: "For those who have been able to take advantage of the big discounts available to buy their home, the right-to-buy policy has unquestionably been a massive success."

"But more than 208,000 households are currently stuck on waiting lists for social housing in the South East. The mass sell-off of affordable housing has deprived them – and future generations – of a home."

"Throughout the region and the rest of England, there is a backdrop of rocketing waiting list numbers, rising repossessions and unemployment."

"The country cannot afford to sell off any more affordable homes on the cheap."

"Social housing needs to be treated as a scarce resource and protected. The time has come when we must consider suspending the right to buy for all new tenants in order to ease the dire housing crisis and allow affordable housing stock to recover."

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Single mum, 23, curvy, 5ft6, blonde, blue eyes, likes shopping, cinema, animals, WLTW an honest and trustworthy male, 28-38. Box 446039

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Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship! Turbidge Wells. Box 308724

FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE
Social, genuine, honest, single mum, 36, 5ft6. I've got hazel eyes and dark hair, and enjoy the cinema, meals out. WLTW sincere, attractive, genuine male. Box 446840

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37yr old female, 2 kids, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for a caring, loving, honest and trusting male to be my someone special. Box 445532

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Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 390503

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Loving female, 36, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

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Turbidge Wells lady, brown hair/eyes, 38, I'm a teacher and love theatre, reading, cinema, swimming, travel. Looking for like minded chap for happy times. Box 444923

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Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values life. Box 414156

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Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with... how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457

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Laid-back single mum, very bubbly, outgoing and intelligent, 43, enjoys social life, drinks, meals, cinema, looking to start afresh with someone new, easygoing and life-loving. Box 446102

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Homely traditional lady, 44, 5ft8, slim-medium build, non-smoker, love life, animals, my dog, walks along the harbour, country pubs, WLTW similar gent for romance. Box 446277

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Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium-large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

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Hard working single mum, young 44yr old, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks, WLTW a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 444751

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Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

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Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft4, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more. Box 885900

MAKE ME LAUGH!
Fun extrovert person, 45, likes cinema-movie, food, meals, socialising, 5ft7, dark brown hair/eyes, curvy, seeking nice guy to start off as friends. Box 429095

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

HAPPY GO LUCKY
Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5ft6, with short brown hair, brown eyes. I have lots of interests and WLTW similar guy. Box 895019

SWEET THINGS
Single, young looking 49yr old lady, blonde hair, blue eyes. I love nights out and evenings in. Box 986940

CAN YOU HANDLE ME?
I'm a 42 year old professional lady, dark hair, brown eyes, petite with a wacky SOH. Looking for friends to chill with, then who knows? Box 884441

LOVE TO LOVE YOU
Lovely black female, 38, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 348102

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
Good looking woman, 37, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, 2 kids. Looking for new friends, and hopefully someone special. Box 446393

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Tall, attractive, good hearted African female, 28yr old, enjoys films, good food and cuddles, WLTW a white male for friendship and romance. Box 441654

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Easygoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTW loving, caring white male 35-47 for long term loving relationship. Box 444214

CUDDLY FEMALE
32, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh, and WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 394002

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Pretty black female, 32, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 347778

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31yr old bubbly, fun-loving female, like reading, cinema, looking for tall, dark and handsome male, GSOH, for happy times. Brighton Box 438057

TAKE ME OUT
Single Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5ft8, dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more with. Box 438941

BORN TO MAKE YOU HAPPY
Caring lovely lady, 42, genuine, short brown hair, lacks confidence! seeking loyal, genuine person, someone special to put the spark back into my life. Box 885761

LETS CLICK
WLTW a nice guy with a similar nature! I'm an outgoing woman, 42, with brown hair and green eyes. Tell me about you! Box 446847

FAIRY TALE ENDING
Good-looking slim blonde, 42, tired of kissing frogs, seeking an intelligent, solvent professional male to be my prince. Box 446521

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Cheerful, honest, popular blonde, 50yrs old, 5ft2, slim, looking to find an honest, loyal man that can make me happy again. Box 887347

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Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 893840

JUST IMAGINE
Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single female, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

DIG DEEPER
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, night out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441

ENTERTAIN ME
49yrs female, medium build, blonde, quiet short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular wining, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, MORE
Curvy & cuddly outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming. WLTW similar loving male. Box 441156

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS
Hi, I'm Teresa, 53yr young, like animals, gardening and ordinary things! WLTW a nice man, my age or younger, for a possible relationship. Box 445707

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SEEING THROUGH THE SHYNESS
Attractive female, 53, intelligent, kind, funny, non-smoking, WLTW nice, kind, normal male, 50-60, for theatre, laughs and more. Box 446383

SEEKING SOULMATE
Gorgeous slim attractive young-looking female, 54, active, lively SOH, 5ft5, blue eyes, sociable, loves music, dancing, travelling; seeking warm, sincere man for genuine companionship. Box 446634

ENJOY LIFE
55yr old woman, brown hair/blue eyes, 5ft2. I'm divorced with a grown up family. I enjoy reading, travel, cinema, music, eating out. WLTW caring, genuine man. Box 446796

SOPHISTICATED SUE
Sue, 58yrs old, 5ft4, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming. WLTW a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship and romance. Box 443309

WOMEN seeking men

FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE
Curvy bi female, 32, seeks like-minded woman, for friendship, hopefully more. Box 886142

LOVELY JO
Young-looking attractive female, 54, N/S, friendly and sociable, love music, dance and history, warm and sparky. WLTW a genuine female for a close friendship. Box 445146

MEN seeking women

MADE TO MATCH?
Upbeat lively male, 6ft3, medium build, shot dark hair, 22, likes rugby, football, family friends, socialising, seeking female to enjoy cosy nights and more. Box 446876

FUN FIRST...
Tall guy with dark eyes, short hair, dark skin, 29, single, honest, just looking for some fun and maybe more with the right girl. Box 446823

HI THERE GIRLS!
Looking for a beautiful young lady to call my own. I'm a fun-loving 29yr old bloke with buckets of TLC to give! Box 446900

COOKING UP A STORM
Single male in Kent, 32, 5ft9, clean shaven, attractive, intelligent, a chef, loves music, classical, jazz, blues, reggae. WLTW down-to-earth, open-minded girl for relationship. Box 446910

CAN YOU KEEP UP?
Very sporty male, 33, 6ft2, muscular, 5ft8, 16st, 30yrs old, 5ft8, 16st, 30yrs old, enjoys drinks, films, socialising, looking for a female 35-45, looks unimportant/personally essential! Hastings. Box 446186

EVERY HEARTBEAT
Fast-thinking 36yr old male looking to meet a female for fun and friendship, hopefully a LTR. Likes the normal things in life, many interests. Box 446892

EVERYTHING I DO
Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading. WLTW a woman for friendship and romance. Box 589720

R U A ME?
Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR
Slim build, 38yr old male, 5ft11, green eyes, separated with 3 kids, enjoys theatre, dining out, walks and life, WLTW special lady for possible LTR. Box 886602

LONESOME LAD LOOKING FOR LOVE
5ft8, 16st old lad, blue eyes, educated, attractive, solvent (just!), genuine, loyal, adventurous and definitely different. Seeks beautiful future with someone like you. Box 885814

FUN-LOVING & LONG LASTING
Honest, decent gent, 39, medium build, fair hair/blue eyes, likes cooking, DIY, quiet nights in, pubs, lots of fun. WLTW female 30-45 for relationship. Box 446208

ALWAYS YOURS
Pleasant male, 39, 6ft tall, medium build, brown hair, enjoys rock music and socialising. WLTW a genuine lady for a fun friendship, maybe romance later. Box 441326

HONEST, SINCERE, OUTGOING
Male, 39, 5ft7, slim, brown hair/brown eyes, really looking for that special lady to make me happy in life, dine with, drink with and more. Box 446903

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR
Outgoing young-minded male, 47, a smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, POI, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750

PUT THAT SPARK BACK INTO MY LIFE
Virgo male, 40, 5ft7, stocky build, kind, loving, fine, enjoys the cinema, meals out, walks on beaches, WLTW like-minded person to see life. Box 446812

THE WRITING'S ON THE WALL
Attractive mixed race male, 41, 5ft7, likes chatting and music. Looking for a feminine female under 44, in Swale, Medway boroughs. Box 884332

WANTS TO COOK FOR TWO
Single male, 43, no lies, very genuine, slim, 6ft4, brown hair, green eyes, loves sport and soul music, WLTW a female to date. Box 445760

WARM-HEARTED
Single friendly guy, genuine, honest, very affectionate, 43, 6ft4, slim, short brown hair, green eyes, WLTW affectionate lady for genuine relationship. Box 446872

JOIN THE ROUND TABLE
Single dad, 43, blond, blue eyes, 6ft1, loves his kids, charity work, meals in/out, travelling, great SOH, laid-back, seeking similar easygoing lady for love. Box 446791

DAD'S THE WORD
Lonely single male, 44, 6ft2, fair hair, great SOH, quite happy but looking for a lady 30-50 to have fun with and hopefully something else. Box 446452

I'LL MAKE YOU LAUGH
Very romantic, caring and loyal male, slim, blue eyes, fair hair, great SOH, seeks female with similar interests for hopeful LTR. Hastings area. Box 446120

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Honest, caring, hardworking lorry driver, mid 40s, not your average as I still love to enjoy life, see new places & meet interesting people! Box 445492

FEEL THE MAGIC
Slim male, 42, looking for a 37-47yr old lady for friendship, hopefully developing to more. Gillingham area. Box 446452

A FINE ROMANCE
Easygoing, attractive, affectionate male, 44, 5ft11, enjoys cinema, cosy nights in, music, seeking an attractive lady for friendship/relationship. Box 446272

YOUNG AT HEART
Dependable, easygoing guy, I love animals, good food, music, films, good conversation, country pubs. I'm 45, with blue eyes. Box 446761

HAPPY TOGETHER
White male, 46, 5ft7, easygoing, N/S, loves a laugh, enjoys theme parks/carnivals/romantic walks, WLTW female to be happy with. Tammy please call again! lost number! Box 444339

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE
Professional male, 45, own home/car, 18 years of age for publication in yourkentadvertiser. WLTW a male, 35-50, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 428202

WHY WAIT?
Clean shaven, happy male, 45, stocky build, 5ft07, smoker, single dad, blue eyes, looking for friendship/companionship, leading to a LTR. Hastings area. Box 439782

GENUINE & SINCERE
Hard-working male, 47, slim, not bad-looking 5ft8, into most things...sports, pubs/meals, socialising, walks, travel... WLTW slim, honest, loyal, attractive girl with great SOH, for hopeful LTR. Box 444244

YOU FOR ME & ME FOR YOU...
Thoughtful, caring, divorced male, 47, athletic/muscular, black hair, enjoys concerts, walks on the beach and eating out, WLTW lady with similar characteristics for LTR. Eastbourne. Box 441719

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Slim build, male, 48, 6ft, dark brown hair, eyes, attractive, animated, confident, eclectic, seeking soulmate 43-53 forever. Box 446553

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Easygoing male, 47, 5'8", slim, likes country pubs, staying in, going out, seeks laid back female, for friendship and more. Box 377555

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MOTORS NEWS



Blue savings give the seven-seat sector a lift

VOLKSWAGEN'S BlueMotion range of vehicles has expanded with the addition of the Touran and Sharan people carriers, which become two of the cleanest and most efficient seven-seater vehicles on the market.

A revised gearbox with lengthened ratios in third, fourth and fifth gears is linked to a highly efficient 1.9-litre, four-cylinder 105 PS engine fitted with a new variable turbocharger to further increase efficiency in the Touran (from £16,725) and a 2.0-litre 140 PS TDI in the Sharan (from £21,290).

The result is a combined fuel economy figure of 52.3mpg for the Touran BlueMotion and 47.1mpg for the Sharan BlueMotion.



Mini is a design classic

THE Mini has cemented its position as a style icon with a place in London's Design Museum.

A unique example of the reborn BMW version has gone on display, with exterior artwork designed by legendary artist, illustrator and graphic designer Alan Aldridge.

The installation, entitled The Man with Kaleidoscope Eyes is part of a design exhibition by the celebrated artist who illustrated lyric books for the Beatles, album covers for The Rolling Stones, The Who and Elton John, was art director for Penguin Books and illustrated much-loved children's books such as The Butterfly Ball.

The piece was inspired by a similar example Aldridge produced in 1965 using the original BMC Mini, which celebrates its 50th birthday in 2009.

BBC's star trio ready to select Top Gear again

TOP Gear star Jeremy Clarkson is thought to have renewed his contract and become one of the BBC's highest-paid presenters.

Co-stars Richard Hammond and James May also agreed new deals.

The car show continues to secure high viewing figures as well as court controversy: Top Gear was rapped by the BBC Trust this summer for showing Clarkson and May sipping gin and tonics during their attempt to become the first people to drive a car to the magnetic North Pole.

The show formula has also been exported successfully to Australia while a Russian version is also mooted.



LEAN MACHINE: Mitsubishi's Lancer is slightly bigger inside and out compared with its Ford Focus-class rivals – it has an impressive interior and good road grip and balance

New Lancer more suited to UK than 'land of the Lada'

RUSSIANS loved the previous Mitsubishi Lancer.

The promise of rugged reliability was always likely to endear it to former Lada owners, but even a bargain price and much spec failed to convince many UK buyers.

Cue this year's all-new Lancer. Prices plus specifications are still aggressive, but there is far more to please the fussier British market and a narrower gap between mainstream models and the manically turbocharged, all-wheel drive, raw meat eating £28k Evo road-going rally version.

A 237bhp Ralliart performance flagship for the 'standard range' is also on the way, likely to cost around £20,000.

For now you can max out on GS4 versions, with uprated sports chassis, Evo-style 18-inch alloys, body kit and big boot spoiler – the model tested here in £18,499 2.0-litre diesel form.

First impressions are good; the new Lancer's frowning 'beetle brow' front end sets the tone for a more angular and muscular style than its predecessor – more Evo than zero.

It is also slightly bigger inside and out than Ford Focus-class rivals, which makes the

ROAD TEST MITSUBISHI LANCER

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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saloon version more attractive to many would-be buyers, though the five-door hatch or 'Sportback' should nab 60 per cent of sales and an estate is also expected.

The interior is impressive, showing influence from the bigger Outlander SUV, with a neat and functional dash and softer touch materials even if door trimming shows signs of old-style 'Mitsi'.

In GS4 form it walks the talk too, with good grip and balance and decent feedback through the wheel, though the heavier diesel engine can make it yaw a little under pressure.

The 138bhp Volkswagen-supplied unit also packs the kind of punch that the Lancer's lines suggest – making it the fastest of the standard range until the Ralliart arrives.

However, Mitsubishi needs to do more on the NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) front, so check out the 1.8 petrol version if you prefer more refinement at the cost of a bit more fuel.

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SPIDER, 3.2 V6, g57ffr, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, leather interior, metallic paint, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, blue, 9000 miles, £20995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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A4, 1.9TDI 130 se estate, 2003, blue m only grey cloth, 67000 miles, £8950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

TT, 1.8 2DR, 2002, trim: leather engine size: 1800 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, green, 14000 miles, £1495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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Closing date: 15/12/08

Job Title: Clerical Assistant

Salary: £12,922 - £15,950 pa
Band: 2
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC649
Closing date: 18/12/08

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Job Title: Community Staff Nurse

Salary: £20,225 - £26,123 pa
Band: 5
Hours: 20
Location: Sevington, Ashford
Ref: 767-ASH243
Closing date: 15/12/08

Job Title: Lead Nurse, Infection Prevention and Control

Salary: £37,106 - £44,527 pa
Band: 8a
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC652
Closing date: 17/12/08

Job Title: Bladder and Bowel Specialist Nurse

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Tankerton
Ref: 767-EIC668
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Inflammatory Bowel Disease Specialist Nurse X3

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC669
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Specialist Respiratory Nurse

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Dover
Ref: 767-EIC667
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Intermediate Care Support Nurse

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: 37.5
Location: Canterbury/Herne Bay/Swale
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Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Specialist Epilepsy Nurse

Salary: £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band: 7
Hours: 37.5
Location: Tankerton
Ref: 767-EIC672
Closing date: 18/12/08

Job Title: Respiratory Nurse

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: 20
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Job Title: Speech & Language Therapist

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Salary: £20,225 - £26,123 pa
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Job Title: Speech & Language Therapist

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Band: 5
Hours: 37.5
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Job Title: Specialist Speech & Language Therapist

[Thanet Schools Team]

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Band: 6
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Closing date: 16/12/08

Job Title: Specialist Speech & Language Therapist

[Schools Team]

Salary: £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Band: 6
Hours: 37.5
Location: Margate, Kent
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Closing date: 16/12/08

ADDITIONAL CLINICAL SERVICES

Job Title: Healthcare Assistant

Salary: £12,922 - £15,950 pa
Band: 2
Hours: 20
Location: Sevington, Ashford
Ref: 767-ASH244
Closing date: 15/12/08

Job Title: Head of Infection Prevention & Control

Salary: £43,221 - £53,432 pa
Band: 8b
Hours: 37.5
Location: Whitstable
Ref: 767-EIC653
Closing date: 17/12/08

Job Title: Head of Bladder and Bowel Specialist Team

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Concrete commitment as Brett signs up to charter

BRETT Landscaping and Building Products has signed up to a sustainability charter which lays down commitments designed to improve the Medway-based company's sustainability performance and profile.

It is organised by the British Precast Concrete Federation.

Commitments include developing products that improve the quality of the built environment, minimising waste disposal to landfill, cutting pollution and emissions linked to production and transportation, using energy more efficiently and reducing businesses carbon footprints.

Campuses combine for third sector research

KENT University has links with the University of Birmingham's new Third Sector Research Centre.

Its aim is to conduct research and analysis into the so-called third sector – organisations such as charities, social enterprises and small community organisations.

Birmingham is working in partnership with the University of Southampton and the centre is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, Office of the Third Sector and the Barrow Cadbury Trust.

The world-class centre will receive a total joint investment of £10.25 million over the next five years.

Extras effort results in travel awards triumph

HOLIDAY Extras, a UK market leader for airport parking and hotels based in east Kent, came away victorious from the British Travel Awards 2008 with the award for Best Airport Parking Company.

The prestigious awards were hosted by comedian Frankie Boyle in London and David Stratton, head of sales, picked up the award.

"The competition this year was extremely tough," he said. "But there can be no better reward for the hard work of everyone involved."

Paperwork pitfalls in booming market

■ BY TOM BETTS



KEY ADVICE: Solicitor Annabel Pullan of Gullands law firm is advising landlords to be careful

RENTED property is a booming market these days for obvious reasons – but a warning has gone out to landlords that they shouldn't jump in too quick before the paperwork is sorted out.

Annabel Pullan, a solicitor at law firm Gullands, based at Maidstone but covering the whole of the county, said landlords keen not to lose out should be wary of allowing tenants to go in before everything is legal.

Landlords may come under a lot of pressure from prospective tenants to go into premises before all the papers have been processed. But there's a risk that tenants will be in there on uncertain terms and disputes could flare up which would be expensive in time and money to resolve.

Ms Pullan said: "Problems that can arise in such a situation apply equally where a landlord enters into protracted negotiations for a lease and continues to allow the occupier to remain in occupation and pay rent without completing the lease.

"Also, they may arise where a landlord allows an occupier to remain in occupation where the lease has not been formally assigned to that person."

She said potential problems were illustrated by a recent case – technically (if you want to look it up), *Manton Securities Limited v Nazam* [2008] EWCA Civ 805 – where the landlord did not take action following an unlawful, informal assignment of a lease.

The landlord allowed the occupier to remain in occupation paying rent, tolerated late payment of rent and even continued with protracted negotiations for a new lease.

"In such a situation there are a number of options available to a landlord, but in this case a court order was made obliging the landlord to grant a lease for a term of 21 years to a tenant with a poor record of paying rent on time and with whom the landlord has fallen out.

"The landlord had also paid substantial sums in costs and legal fees. This situation could have been avoided by the landlord taking firm action at the outset and others placed in this situation should take note."

Meantime, thousands of landlords and letting agents have signed up on a new comprehensive website for them, and tenants and prospective renters might also find it useful to check out. It's www.riky.co.uk and is full of advice and information, whether initial queries or detailed help. There's even some help with how to approach advertising.

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Coach eyes Olympic future after medal haul

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MEDAL HAUL: Members of Ramsgate Olympic Taekwondo Club fought off some testing opposition to clinch several medals at the London International Open

TAEKWONDO fighters from Ramsgate Olympic Club turned heads at the London International Open by claiming seven medals.

Seven fighters travelled to the competition in London knowing they would have to produce their best performances as they would be up against some of the best fighters in the world.

Six-year-old Toby Clarke clinched the club's first medal by defeating an opponent three years his senior to win a hard-fought bronze medal.

Ashleigh Finch came close to securing a gold medal but had to settle for silver in the 50kg category as an asthma attack stopped her from competing in the final.

TAEKWONDO

Elsewhere in the competition Marcin Chlebny won gold in 58kg category retaining the title he won at last year's tournament.

Two gold medals went to Katarzyna Grela, who finished the event unbeaten and Jakub Grela completed the success with a silver medal in the 54 kg class.

Amy Leonard capped off an impressive day with a creditable fourth place finish in the advanced class, picking up nine points.

Olympic Club coach Leszek Grela was delighted with the medal haul from his fighters and

believes there is a lot more to come from them in the future.

He said: "My students worked very hard before this tournament. There were many good international fighters in the competition and it is hard to win anything, especially on international arena."

"Our team is being recognised now, especially Katarzyna Grela, her fights always attract many spectators. Her first fight was very exciting, with hundred of spectators cheering her on."

"Also, our girl in advanced category, Amy Leonard, is looking very good. With team like this we can seriously think about future Olympics."

Wanderers on end of cup thrashing

THANET Wanderers slipped to their second consecutive heavy defeat at the hands of London 2 South high-flyers Dorking.

The Surrey side have only lost twice so far this season and are just two points adrift of the leaders Cobham.

Thanet knew they had a tall order on their hands to get anything from the game and were unable to cope with Dorking's attacking strength.

They ran in several tries during the 78-0 defeat for the Wanderers.

Thanet have a week to regroup before their next league game, which sees them take on neighbours Dover.

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Gillingham boss Mark Stimson admits that the club's focus is on the league

Thamesmead tie for Ryman cup holders

RAMSGATE will continue their defence of the Ryman League Cup with a third round trip to Division 1 North side Thamesmead Town.

The Rams, who won the cup last season after a dramatic penalty shootout win over Sudbury at Dartford's Princes Park, advanced to the third round with a 4-0 win at Chatham Town last week, thanks to a double from Warren Schulz and goals from Ryan Royston and Jay May.

Thamesmead, regular adversaries from Ramsgate's Kent League days, were promoted last season and play at Bayliss Avenue. The tie will take place in the week commencing January 5.

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FRUSTRATING: Ramsgate fans and manager Jim Ward (right) left Bridge Avenue disappointed despite the efforts by the likes of hard-working Steffan Ball (left, in red)



Picture: GOR KAPPO

Rams fade in second half as Urchins steal the spoils

A SECOND-HALF collapse cost Ramsgate three points on Saturday and left them mired in the Ryman Premier Division relegation zone.

If this was the kind of fixture manager Jim Ward believes his side should be winning, he would at least have been heartened by the way the Rams set about the opposition in the first half. But their inability to make their pressure count proved exasperating for everyone connected with the Southwood club.

If anyone was looking for an omen, the loss of Nick Davis to an injury sustained in the warm-up was hardly encouraging. But inspired by Steffan Ball, who began the season with AFC Hornchurch and was left on the bench when the Urchins beat Ramsgate on opening day, the visitors rattled the Essex men early on.

Ball in particular played like he had a point to prove and despite heading an early chance wide, he ran the show in the first 45 minutes.

Jay May was also influential and one in-

FOOTBALL

BY FRED ATKINS

AFC Hornchurch 3

Shave 56, 87, Styles 71

Ramsgate 0

Taylor 17, McDonald 41



perfect through ball gifted Ben Laslett a glorious chance, only for the skipper to shoot so waywardly he nearly took out the corner flag.

The Rams also had an effort ruled out for off-side and moments after the restart Ball produced a stinging solo effort that was just kept out by Urchins keeper Dale Brightly.

They were made to pay on 57 minutes, when home sub Paul Shave headed in a Mark Janney cross from point-blank range.

Ramsgate starting XI



Subs used: Schulz (Pettit 60) Walker (Schoburgh 60), Tsangarides (Wynter 68)

Warren Schulz was brought on for Simon Pettit, but without the latter's long throws the visitors' options were reduced and a long throw from the home side allowed Elliot Styles to drive in the second on 71 minutes.

With time running out Schulz was mugged on the edge of the area and Shave turned in a low cross from Mark Goodfellow to leave the Rams with nothing to show from an initially promising display.

Quain stunner seals Gate deserved draw

FOOTBALL

BY YOURTHANET REPORTER

Margate 2

Wilson 24, Quain 66

Carshalton 2

Jolly 37, 45

Margate starting XI



Subs: Shittu (Coleman 58), Stubbs (Pratt 81), Savage (Quain 90)



THUNDERBOLT: Aaron Quain unleashed a screamer to rescue his side a point against high-flying Carshalton

Carshalton fielded two former Hartsdown men in Ryan Martin and Michael Power, who was forced off after just 17 minutes.

Seven minutes later Margate went in front when Pratt's cross was volleyed in by Wayne Wilson but the defensive fragility that has dogged Margate all season resurfaced on 37 minutes when Junior Kadi's pass was chipped in by Richard Jolly.

The visitors took the lead in first-half injury-time, when a clearance from Searle found Jolly who mishit his shot and then watched as it squirmed underneath Pat Mullin.

Two minutes after the restart Margate should have drawn level when Quain sent in a low cross that Pratt screwed wide and Dan Young went close with a header before Quain intervened.

A Jacob Erskine throw was partially cleared by Adrian Toppin and Quain unleashed a left-footer that screamed past Searle.

With the substitute Shittu making a nuisance of himself Margate enjoyed the better of the closing stages, leaving Carshalton happy to get out of Thanet with a point.

A WONDER goal from an unlikely source earned Margate a deserved point against Ryman Premier Division hopefuls Carshalton at Hartsdown Park on Saturday.

Having squandered a first-half lead, the Gate were trailing 2-1 when Aaron Quain hit an astonishing shot that flew past Athletic keeper Stuart Searle for his first goal of the season.

Quain told Margate's website he had ignored advice before letting rip with the equaliser.

"I had quite a few efforts and everyone was shouting and saying stop shooting at one point," Quain said. "But it's been nearly two years so I think I was due a goal and I just hit it right and it went in. Yes I was pleased."

The Gate needed an alternative source of goals, with Mo Takaloo suspended and Ryan Peters not match-fit.

New signing Richard Shittu was left on the bench, leaving manager Terry Yorath to pair Joe Healey with Kenny Pratt up front.

LEAGUE TABLES

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Dover Athletic	18	15	0	3	+21	45
2 Carshalton Athletic	20	11	5	4	+7	38
3 Staines Town	18	11	4	3	+14	37
4 Canvey Island	21	10	5	6	+10	35
5 Tonbridge Angels	20	9	5	6	+10	32
6 Ashford Town (Mx)	18	10	0	8	+5	30
7 Maidstone United	19	9	3	7	+5	30
8 Tooting & Mitcham Utd	20	9	2	9	0	29
9 AFC Hornchurch	18	8	4	6	+4	28
10 Wealdstone	21	8	4	9	+2	28
11 Billericay Town	19	7	6	6	-6	27
12 Sutton United	17	7	5	5	0	26
13 Horsham	19	8	2	9	-5	26
14 Boreham Wood	19	7	4	8	-5	25
15 Dartford	19	7	3	9	-2	24
16 Hastings United	20	8	0	12	-9	24
17 Harlow Town	16	6	3	7	+2	21
18 Harrow Borough	19	5	6	8	-11	21
19 Margate	21	5	4	12	-13	19
20 Ramsgate	20	3	7	10	-16	16
21 Hendon	19	4	3	12	-4	15
22 Heybridge Swifts	19	2	7	10	-9	13

FIXTURES

Saturday, December 13

Ryman Premier Division: Ramsgate v Sutton United

Saturday, December 20

Ryman Premier Division: Margate v Harlow Town

Dressing room rant sees Gate players feel force of Yorath yell

FOOTBALL

THE groundsman at Hartsdown Park may need to put a new coat of paint on the dressing room walls following Terry Yorath's half-time team talk on Saturday, but the Margate manager's industrial strength motivational speech had the desired effect as his side went on the rescue a valuable point.

"What I said to them is between me and them, but it wasn't very nice," Yorath told Yourthanet. "Suffice to say we've only been playing well for 45 minutes in games and on Saturday I expected them to do better after taking the lead."

The Welshman was philosophical about Margate's failure to go on and win the game after Aaron Quain's brilliant equaliser.

"It was disappointing," he admitted. "But saying that we could have been two goals or more down at half-time, then we went on to outplay them in the second half."

Yorath wasn't surprised that Quain's long-range effort found the net, saying: "I've seen him do it in training."

If anything, he feels his players are too shot-shy. "To be perfectly honest I don't think our players shoot enough. They find it easier to pass the buck when they get in those positions."

The two players exempted from criticism were Kieran Morris and Wayne Wilson. "I think, for me, they've been our two most consistent players since I've been in charge."

Yorath also feels his new signing Richard Shittu has the potential to shine at Hartsdown: "He's got the size, the stature that makes other people frightened of him,"



VALUABLE POINT: Margate boss Terry Yorath admitted using strong words at half-time to get his team going

Yorath told the club's website. "I don't mean that in an unkind way but when you see somebody that big playing against you - he's got a bit of mobility as well - then you start to get a little bit frightened. He's the kind of player that we need - we've needed all season."

The Gate are without a fixture this weekend, though Yorath wasn't unhappy about the unscheduled break, reasoning it would allow his injured players time to recover, including Dan Stubbs, who suffered a knee injury against Carshalton, ahead of the home game with Harlow on December 20.

HOCKEY



UNSTOPPABLE: Cliftonville put six past Sevenoaks as they look to mount a promotion charge

Shadows left in the shade by Ville

Cliftonville Men's 1st XI 6 Sevenoaks Shadows 0

SHRUGGING off the disappointment of last week's defeat, Cliftonville's Men thrashed Sevenoaks Shadows 6-0.

"I was delighted with the team performance," said captain Dave Potter. "We thoroughly deserved our win. All 11 players played magnificently and it leaves us in a strong league position with one game to go before the Christmas break."

After a few initial Sevenoaks attacks, Ville began to create chances through the midfield trio.

The Shadows' resistance ended when Ville striker Alex Taylor converted a difficult chance and as Sevenoaks began to make mistakes, Joe Sach added a second to make it 2-0 at the break.

The wingers ran riot in the second half, as Ville added another four goals to chalk up the emphatic scoreline.

The Ladies suffered a narrow loss, going down 1-0 to Tunbridge Wells, although as their opponents won 11-0 last week they at least escaped a massacre.

The game was settled by an early short corner and although the Wells were forced into a goalline clearance they denied Ville a route back into the game.

There was no such frustration for the 2nds, who beat Remnants 9-0.

Laura Higgs opened the floodgates with a fifth-minute penalty and Jade Bond scored twice, before Kate Bastow made it 4-0 at the break. Bond and Bastow had a personal duel in the second half as they tried to outscore each other.

The Men's 3rds brought the first half of their season to a close with a 2-0 win over New Beccs. Matt Smith took control of midfield early on, laying the ball off to Dave Burney, whose cross was turned in by Bernie Keane to make it 1-0. A second Ville effort was kept out by a New Beccs foot allowing Nick Alder to make it 2-0 at half-time.

New Beccs upped their game in the second half, keeper Dan Hollands was equal to everything they threw at him.

The 4ths lost 4-1 to Deal 2nds.

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